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Subject Tree Bark Analysis

ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

Folks,

Remedium Group contracted with Bureau Veritas to analyze a sample of tree bark from the Libby area. Remedium procured a sample of a mature Red Fir tree located at the base of the existing dam and impoundment. The sample was taken from the mine side of the tree at approximately the four-foot level and was sent directly to Bureau Veritas, attention Charlie Blake. It is my understanding that Mr. Blake and Mr. Alan Segrave (Director, Laboratory Services) contacted Dr. Ward and Dr. Webber for details on the analytical method used in Dr. Ward's work.

Our interest was in developing a percent asbestos in the tree bark. Of course, to do this, the fibers were counted, measured, and a mass determined. From this information, a mass to mass determination was made. Both the conclusions and the actual lab sheets are included for your information and review. It was of interest to note that only two fibers longer than 5 microns were found in the three analyses of the one bark sample.

If there are any questions as to the procedure used or the methods followed, the personnel at Bureau Veritas can be contacted directly for clarification.

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